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> Re: Close-out of RCRA 7003 Order to CamWest, Inc. & CamWest Limited Partnership (Docket No. RCRA-08-2002-01)

Dear Messrs. Domenick and Kirkwood:

Pursuant to the termination provision of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) section 7003 Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Order (section XXI.), this U.S. EPA Region 8 (EPA) correspondence serves to close out the above referenced Order issued to CamWest, Inc. and CamWest Limited Partnership in October 2001. In accordance with this provision, Respondents and all successors and assigns, *inter alia*, have continuing obligations, including, but not limited to: record retention, reservation of rights, other claims, other applicable laws and notice of non-liability of EPA.

It is EPA's understanding from CamWest that operations transfer from CamWest to Evertson Exploration LLC, Kirkwood Oil & Gas LLC, Steven C. Kirkwood and Savant Resources LLC (collectively, the Buyers) occurred in January 2004 and that legal transfer to the Buyers occurred on or about June 14, 2004.

In a June 16, 2005, letter from CamWest Limited Partnership to USEPA, Mr. Domenick noted the environmental status of each of the six (6) environmental areas of concern at their formerly operated Winkleman Dome Oilfield in Fremont County, Wyoming:

<u>Bad Oil Tank Battery</u> - Used treater hay was moved to a new storage tank in September 2003. The old storage tank was cleaned and disposed of off-site in September 2004.

<u>Continental Battery</u> - Pits were closed in accordance with BIA/tribal direction in late August 2004. Entire site was recontoured and reseeded in early November 2004.

<u>Tensleep Tank Bottoms Pit</u> - Bottoms/spoils were taken to a separate, on-site storage cell in June 2004. Final remediation is scheduled for summer 2005.

<u>Tensleep 2 Hillside Oil Seep</u> - Impacted soils were excavated and a French Drain was installed, to prevent wildlife access, in early November 2002.

29 Side Hill Oil Seep - Impacted soils were excavated and a French Drain was installed, to prevent wildlife access, in November 2004.

<u>128 Cattail Seep</u> - Impacted soils were excavated and a French Drain was installed, to prevent wildlife access, in November 2004.

Based upon the information provided by CamWest Limited Partnership, it appears that all six (6) environmental areas of concern in the Winkleman Dome Oilfield have been properly remediated and consequently no longer pose a threat to migratory birds or wildlife in general.

In closing, please remember that even though EPA has determined that the imminent and substantial endangerment to wildlife at your Winklemen Dome Oilfield has been abated, the Buyers have a continuing obligation to prevent access by wildlife to any exposed oil area(s) (e.g., maintain netting on evaporation/skim/slop pits, remediate oil spillage around pumpjacks/ heater treaters/tank batteries, remediate oil spills from pipeline leaks, etc.) within the confines of your operations in the future.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence please feel free to contact Mr. Randy Lamdin of my staff at (303) 312-6350 or Ms. Michelle Marcu of our Legal Enforcement Program at (303) 312-6921.

Sincerely,

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cc: Don Aragon (Director, Wind River Environmental Quality Commission)